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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First Named Applicant: STUMER et al.  
Serial No.: 09/218,783  
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Title: Network Group Pickup

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

On 10/04/2005

- ☒ a Final Office Action was issued in the above-entitled case, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response.  
☐ a Notice of Appeal was filed.

Enclosed herewith is:

- ☒ a response to the outstanding Office Action.  
☐ an Appeal Brief.  
☐ a Continued Prosecution Application of the above-referenced application.

This is a petition for a one (1) month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). The required fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2179, and a copy of this Petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

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The fee is believed to be

\$ 120.00 per 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)

-\$        paid with previous petition dated

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Respectfully submitted,

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